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Computerized tax collection now in Davao City

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Davao City (8 May) -- The Bureau of Internal Revenue No. 19 has launched Tuesday (May 6) a nationwide Computerized Tax Collection aimed at improving tax collections, provide better services to taxpayers, and deter tax evasion.

Dubbed as the Nationwide Rollout of Computerized System (NRCS) program, launched at the Revenue District Office (RDO) 113, BIR regional director Atty. Marcelinda Omila-Yap said the NRCS aims to complete the computerization of operations of the BIR all over the country.

Present during the launching were: Deputy Commissioner Lucita G. Rodriguez, Assistant Commissioner Charo E. Curiba, Jim Freer, Sr. Advisor, MCA-PTP-TAP; Victor O. Baylon, Head, RDC Mindanao; Nuzar N. Balatero, ARD, RR 19, Davao City; and Daisy G. Franco, ARDO, RD 113, Davao City.

The computerization program automates the registration, collection, returns processing, and taxpayer accounting processes in the bureau.

In this way, it enables the BIR to better respond to taxpayer requests and reduce transaction time for them. It also makes operations of the RDO and RR more efficient and effective, Director Omila-Yap bared in her speech.

By enabling the Bureau to establish a more comprehensive data bank and compete across in different data clusters, it will make identifying tax evaders easier.

The NRCS provided Davao City with a total of 5 computers, 3 printers, 5 filing cabinets and 5 computer tables and chairs, which together with the required electrical updates and Local Area Network (LAN) cabling, cost some Php 749,000.00.

The personnel of RDO 113 were also trained in the different tasks in operating the automated systems under the program.

The procurement of the equipment and training of BIR personnel was supported by the Millennium Challenge Account-Philippines Threshold Program Technical Project (MCA-PTP-TAP).

The MCA-PTP-TAP assists the Philippine government to improve revenue administration and fight corruption. It is supported by a US\$ 20.6-million grant from the Millennium Challenge Corporation, a US government corporation that supports development programs and projects all over the world.

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